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Tammy Munson  
Director of Inspections  
City of Portland  
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Re: Demolition Permit for St. Patrick's Church, 1342 Congress Street

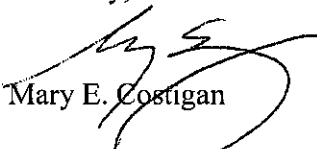
Dear Tammy:

Enclosed please find an application for a demolition permit for St. Patrick's Church located at 1342 Congress Street, submitted on behalf of the current owner, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Maine, as well as the future owner, the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine (the "JCA"). As we discussed previously, the JCA is required to demolish the church as a condition of the sale and is also required to obtain a permit for the demolition prior to the closing. Due to the need to obtain a permit prior to closing and the need to perform extensive asbestos remediation prior to demolition, we are requesting that a demolition permit be issued to the JCA for a term of **5 months**, beginning on **August 15, 2015**.

The purchase of the property is expected to be completed on August 19, 2015. Once the JCA takes ownership it will act quickly to begin the asbestos removal at the church and we have been informed that the work could take up to ten weeks to complete. As we discussed, we will contact the City for an inspection following the asbestos removal and before demolition. At that time we will provide the City with a complete utility call list to insure that all utilities have been disconnected from the building. As required by our site plan approval, we will also post a performance guarantee for site stabilization prior to demolition.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to manage this timeline. Please let me know if you have any questions about the application materials.

Sincerely,

  
Mary E. Costigan

Steve Brinn, JCA President  
Tom Kelly, Esq.